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SUMMARY. THE "SAKHAROV HEARINGS" SCHEDULE HERE IN MID

OCTOBER RECEIVED A BOOST BY THE PUBLICATION OF A LARGE

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NUMBER OF WELL KNOWN DANISH AND INTERNATIONAL SPONSORS.

THE HEARGINS WILL FOCUS ON THE CONTINUING SOVIET REPRESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WITH THE HOPE NOT THAT "THE CAMPS" WILL BE LIQUIDATED BUT THAT THEIR INMATES WILL RECEIVE BETTER TREATMENT. THE ASSOCIATION OF PROMINENT DANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND THE EDITOR OF A LEFT WING INTELLECTUAL DAILY WITH THE HEARINGS WILL GIVE THEM A CACHET PREVIOUSLY LACKING END SUMMARY.

1. ON APRIL 21 THE DANISH PRESS FEATURED SATIRES ABOUT THE FORMATION OF A LARGE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE TO SPONSOR THE "SAKHAROV HEARINGS" SCHEDULE FOR COPENHAGEN OCTOBER 17-19 (REFTEL) THE COMMITTEE NAMED "THE HONORARY COMMITTEE OF PROTECTORS OF ANDREJ SAKHAROV", INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING DANISH NAMES:

FORMER SOCIALIST DEMOCRATIC PRIME MINISTER  
JENS OTTO KRAG (WHO IS PRESENTLY EC AMBASSADOR  
TO WASHINGTON)

TRADE UNION FEDERATION (LO) PRESIDENT  
THOMAS NIELSEN  
THE FORMOST DANISH SCHOLAR OF INTERNATIONAL LAW  
DR ROSS ALF AND CONSERVATIVE MP HANS J LEMBURN  
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARLIAMENTS FINANCE  
COMMITTEE R LYSHOLT HANSEN (SOCIAL DEMOCRAT)  
MP AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CHRISTIAN PEOPLES PARTY.  
HENS MOLLERS.  
CHIEF EDITOR OF THE LEFT WING INTELLECTUAL DAILY  
INFORMATION BORGE OUTZE (A FORMER STUDENT AT  
MOSCOW'S LENIN INSTITUTE).

2. THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COUNCIL OF EASTERN  
EXILES, FELDSTED ANDRESEN IS QUOTED AS ASSERTING THAT  
THE FOLLOWING NO DANES HAVE ALSO COMMITTED THEMSELVES  
TO BE "PROTECTORS"

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CORNELIA GERSTENMAIER PRESIDENT OF THE  
SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS GERMANY  
MADAME ANNA KETHLY EX MINISTER OF SOCIAL  
AFFAIRS IN IMRE NAGYUKS LAST GOVT HUNGARY  
CARDINAL JOSE MINDSZENTY HUNGARY  
(MINDSZENTY REPORTEDLY WILL VISIT DENMARK ON  
MAY 2 AS THE FIRST STOP IN A TRIP THROUGH THE  
SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES)

3. TWO CO SIGNORS OF LAST YEAR MOSCOW APPEAL ARE ALSO SCHEDULE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRIBUNAL PAVEL LITVINOV (SON OF STALINS FORMER VOREIGN MINISTER) AND BORIS SHAGRIN. THIS IS APPEARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO THE INVITA TION MENTIONED IN REFTEL. SOLZHENITSYN HAS ALSO BEEN INVITED (BUT APPEARENTLY HAS NOT YET AGREED TO ATTEND) AS WELL AS MAXIMOV SINJAVSKI AND GUNTHER GRASS.

4. ACCORDING TO THE APRIL 20 JYLLANDS POSTEN THE HEARING AT CHRISTIANSBORG PALACE WILL DISCUSS SOVIET LABOR CAMPS AND WILL RECEIVE THE TESTIMONY OF SURVIVORS ON VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOVIET PRISON CAMPS, PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND SPECIAL PRISONS FOR POLITICAL CRIMES. THE JOINT COUNCIL OF EASTERN EXILES IS REQUESTING INFORMATION ON SOVIET PRISON CAMPS FROM ANY PERSONS WHO ARE ABLE TO OFFER IT NOT JUST RUSSIANS.

5. A SOVIET EXILE (LEON NIKULIN) WHO NOW LIVES IN DENMARK AND IS HELPING TO PREPARE FOR THE SAKHAROV HEARING IS QUOTED BY JYLLANDS POSTEN AS SAHING THAT ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE TRIBUNAL WILL BE TO PROVE THAT POLITICAL REPRESSON AS EVIDENCED BY SOVIET LABOR CAMPS, ETC. IS NOT ONLY HISTORIAL BUT CONTINUES TO EXISTS TODAY. NIKULIN SAID THAT HE DOES NOT EXPECT THAT THE HEARING WILL CAUSE THE CAMPS TO BE LIQUIDATED BUTHOPES THAT A CONDEMNATION OF THEIR EXISTENCE WILL IMPROVE CONDITIONS FOR THE PRISONERS.

6. IN EXPLAINING THE USE OF SAKHAROV'S NAME , NIKULIN SAID HE HAD BEEN CHOSEN AS "LEADER OF THE TRIBUNNAL AS HE IS THE ONLY ONE OUT OF 250 MILLION SOVIET CITIZENS WHO IS ALLOWED TO SPEAK FREELY. HE HAS BECOME ANALIBI OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE SOVIET UNION VIS-A-VIS THE REST OF THE WORLD. AS LONG AS HE IS THERE AN OPPOSITION MAY BE CLAIMED TO ESTIS IN THE SOVIET UNION. FURTHERMORE SAKHAROV WAS ALSO BEHIND LAST YEARS MOSCOW APPEAL WHICH DEMANDED AN INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL TO INVESTIGATE SOVIET CROMES."

7. COMMENT: THE SCOPE AND QUALITY OF THE PERSONALITIES CITED WHO HAVE APPARENTLY AGREED TO SERVE AS SPONSORS FOR THIS HEARING IS SURPRISING GIVEN THE DIFFICULTIES CITED IN REFTEL THAT THE LOCAL COMMITTEE SEEMED TO BE EXPERIENCING WHAT IS NOT OF COURSE CERTAIN IN THE EXTENT TO WHICH ALL OF THEM WILL INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN THE HEARING. THE PARTICIPATION OF PROMINENT DANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS WILL GIVE PRESTIGE TO THE WHOLE PROCEEDING WHICH IT HERETOFORE HAS LACKED. LO'S

PRESIDENT NIELSEN FOR EXAMPLE IS STRONGLY ANTI-COMMUNIST AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO SPEAK OUT FORCEFULLY AS THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF. THE ASSOCIATION OF INFORMATION'S OUTZE WITH THE HEARING WILL ALSO PROTECT IT FROM KNEE-HERK RADICAL (BUT NOT COMMUNIST) CONDEMNTATION.  
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